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MISCIBILITY PRESSURE (MMP) AND
CRITICAL POINTS OF A GAS IN CRUDE
OILS OR BINARY MIXTURES**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides a new process of the transi-
tometric scanning technique to determine in an experimental
way the minimum miscibility pressure of any sample of
hydrocarbon at constant temperature (from the atmospheric
temperature to 673 K) in the pressure interval of the atmo-
spheric temperature to 400 MPa, including pressure at which
the organic matter will precipitate due to the CO₂ injection,
based on a transitometric technique which has proved to be
reliable, highly accurate and highly reproducible. The appa-
ratus used is based on a highly accurate control of the pVT
variables and the calorimetric determination of the present
phase transitions during the injection process of gases into
hydrocarbons. Accurate control of pVT variables enables the
determination of the derivative thermodynamic variables use-
ful to define the type of phase transition.

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